

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE YELLOW  
MEDICINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA  
July 22, 2003**

The Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 am on Tuesday, July 22, 2003, in the board meeting room. Present were Commissioners Lynn Anderson, Jane Remiger, Louie Sherlin and Chairperson Gary Johnson. Ron Antony was absent. Also present were County Attorney Thomas Kramer, County Auditor Carolyn Sherlin, and news reporters Bethany Norgaard, and Dan McGonigle. The chairperson called the meeting to order. On motion, the agenda for the day and the minutes of July 8, 2003 were accepted and approved by the board.

Commissioners Reports were given on the following topics: Prairie Country RC&D, Community Corrections, Prairie Lakes Detention Center, Regional Railroad, Fortier Township Meeting, Regional Development and Pioneerland Library

It was reported that the Regional Development Commission is considering an increase of 3% in the proposed 2004 tax levy. Anderson moved to direct the auditor to draft a letter requesting RDC to reconsider any tax levy increase, Remiger seconded motion, all voted in favor.

Sue Pirsig, Swift County Economic Development (GROW), discussed her role in providing technical assistance to business owners. She reported how the organization was started, how it works and the funding resources which come from both the county and cities. Any business owner can request assistance from other businesses. The coordinator is hired to facilitate the requests.

Paul Luitjens, Clarkfield Care Center, explained that the center is doing an expansion project. He explained that in the past, only counties had the ability to pass general obligation bond without a voter referendum, but due to recent legislative action, cities now have the same ability as long as the county board gives their approval. The following resolution was presented for approval:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CLARKFIELD, MINNESOTA TO EXERCISE THE POWERS OF A COUNTY UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTIONS 376.55 to 376.60**

WHEREAS, the Board of the County of Yellow Medicine, Minnesota (the "County"), has not established a county nursing home; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clarkfield, Minnesota (the "City"), owns and operates an existing 86-bed nursing home facility known as the Clarkfield Care Center in the County (the "Facility"); and

**WHEREAS, the City is a Minnesota statutory city; and**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the County of Yellow Medicine, Minnesota, as follows: Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 376.55 Subdivision 7, the Board hereby authorizes the City to exercise, within the County, the powers of a county under Minnesota Statutes, Sections 376.55 to 376.60.

Anderson moved to adopt above resolution, Remiger seconded motion, all voted in favor.

County Recorder Kay Nerdahl presented a revised agreement with the UCC Satellite Agreement with the Secretary of State's Office. The changes were explained. Sherlin moved to approve the agreement, Anderson seconded motion, all voted in favor.

It was noted that the Chippewa County Board invited neighboring counties to participate in a joint session on July 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss sharing of resources. Anderson moved to pay a per diem and mileage to any commissioner attending the joint county meeting with Chippewa scheduled for July 29<sup>th</sup>, Remiger seconded, motion carried.

County Engineer John Johnson presented the quarterly budget report and reviewed current highway projects.

Mary Homan, Director of the Lac qui Parle/Yellow Medicine Watershed provided an update of various water projects in the three counties of Lincoln, LQP, and Yellow Medicine. She monitors water quality by checking the bacterial content in local streams. The Clean Water Partnership was discussed and she is currently writing a grant in order to secure funding for the next three years. She stated that the biggest problem in our waterways is septic systems and feedlots with natural wildlife also contributing to the problem. Remiger moved to provide a letter of support for the project, specifying that we will provide \$3240 in in-kind services. Anderson seconded motion, all voted in favor.

A request for a conditional use permit was submitted from J.S.K.B. with Jason Jorgens as representative, to construct a 76' x 186' total confinement barn to house 4,000 head of nursery pigs. Manure storage will be in a 76' x 186" concrete pit underneath the barn. Structure to be built in Section 11 of Omro Township. A recommendation for approval was received from the YMC Planning Commission. After consideration, Anderson moved to approve the permit with the following conditions:

1. The five-acre parcel housing the two finishing barns must be combined with the adjacent 35-acre parcel to form a 40-acre tract with one tax identification number before final approval.
2. The YMC Zoning Office shall be given a copy of the updated manure management plan annually.
3. The barn shall remain on the 40-acre tract with one tax identification number.

Remiger seconded motion, all voted in favor.

The county auditor recommended adoption of a revised fee schedule for certain tasks performed by courthouse personnel.

Auctioneer License	\$20.00
Auditor Certificate	150.00
Confession of Judgment set-up	50.00
Copies	1.00
Faxes incoming/outgoing	5.00
Fireworks Permit	100.00
NSF Checks	25.00
Parcel/Split	25.00
Special Assessment Set-up	5 per parcel
Special Assessment Maintenance	2 per parcel
Tax-Special Search	10.00
Tax-Forfeit Repurchase	100.00
TIF Set-Up	200.00
Transient Merchant License	150.00

Anderson moved to adopt the above fee schedule, Remiger seconded motion, all voted in favor.

A request for a conditional use permit was received from Robert Anseeuw to move in a 16' x 80' type I Manufactured Dwelling as a non-farm dwelling to replace the existing structure in Section 26 of Norman Township. A recommendation of approval was received from the YMC Planning Commission. Sherlin moved to approve the permit with the following conditions:

1. The 16'x40' addition shall be completed prior to occupancy.
2. The structure shall have a pitched roof covered with shingles or tile, with a minimum of 12-inch eaves.
3. Shall be anchored in accordance with State Building Code.
4. Entire structure shall re-sided with conventional siding.
5. The entire structure shall have skirting around the perimeter.
6. Existing dwelling shall be demolished within one year of occupancy of new dwelling.

Remiger seconded motion, all voted in favor.

A request for a conditional use permit was received from the Lac qui Parle Yellow Bank Watershed to construct a flood retarding dam on Lazarus Creek in Yellow Medicine County, to be located in Section 10 of Fortier Township. This project was recently funded by the legislature after many years in the planning stage. Sherlin moved for approval, Anderson seconded, motion carried.

It was noted that the county received three applications to fill the vacancy in the Planning and Zoning Board. Remiger moved to appoint Dan Dybsetter from Canby to fill the position, Anderson seconded motion, all voted in favor.

Discussion was held on the value of hiring a County Coordinator. This person would be able to work with human resources, building concerns, budget and insurance issues, union negotiation and other research as assigned. After further discussion, Remiger moved to combine the offices of auditor-treasurer effective on August first. Anderson seconded motion. The county attorney pointed out that since one board member was absent, it would be better to wait until the next meeting to vote on the issue when all members are present. It takes a four-fifths vote of the board to pass this issue. The motion was then withdrawn.

The county auditor presented several comparable worth committee evaluations and requested board approval for placement on the step system schedule according to point value. After discussion, Remiger moved to accept the recommendation of the comp worth committee to increase the point value and labor grade of the Deputy Treasurer and Environmental Assistant positions, with the scheduled step increase, effective on July 1<sup>st</sup>, Sherlin seconded motion, all voted in favor.

The county attorney reported the results of the land auction held on July 18<sup>th</sup> to sell Parcel # 09-003-4050, the former Danny Hagen property. The high bid of \$9500 was received from Sharon Cole. Anderson moved to accept the bid and instructed the county attorney to complete the necessary paperwork, Sherlin seconded motion, all voted in favor.

Anderson moved to approve final payment of \$31,138.82 to Structural Specialties for Project S.P. 87-6433-02. Remiger seconded motion, all voted in favor.

Anderson moved to close the meeting at 4:07 pm to discuss a personnel situation, basing this closure on Minnesota Statue 13D.05. Remiger seconded motion, all voted in favor.

Sherlin moved to charge a fee of \$50 per bus per month to Prairie Five for bus storage plus a fee of \$5 per month for electricity when buses are plugged in the wintertime. Remiger seconded meeting, all voted in favor.

The following claims were presented for payment:

REVENUE FUND

Affiliated Community Medical Ctr	1,096.75
Almichs Super Valu	109.66
Ron Antony	154.08
Aramark Correctional Services	3,591.76
Bear Graphics Inc	362.37
Bills Electric	1,132.00
C.L. Benson Co Inc	125.24
Cenex Convenience Card	566.95
Comfort Inn	211.62
Consumers Coop Oil Co	116.21
Cooks Inc	108.02
Daves Family Foods	552.03
Davis Typewriter Co Inc	327.06
Tony Doom Supply Co Inc	158.18
Farmer's Coop Oil	425.48
Firesafe Custom Services	750.00
Fromm Snyder Drug	528.45
G & K Services Inc	115.04
General Security Services Corp	178.92
Granite Falls Fire Department	100.00
Hillyard	394.44
Jim Horgan M.A., L.P.	1,312.50
Independent Oil Co	162.14
Innovative Office Solutions	515.51
Alfrieda Jacobson	100.00
Leroy Jacobson	100.00

KDMA Radio Station	577.00
Kilowatt Computer Service	138.38
Ladner Hardware Inc	119.65
Lee's Auto & Diesel	154.33
Marshall, City of	525.00
MN Counties Insurance Trust	353.00
MN Dept of Public Safety	390.00
MN State Auditor	6,075.10
Moore Medical Corp	284.30
Murrays Auto Glass	314.21
Olson Dray Service	9,795.66
Prairie Lakes Detention Center	2,940.00
Prairies Edge Casino Resort	957.41
Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge	180.00
Sterling Solutions Inc	400.00
Tri-County Coop Oil Company	455.56
Uniforms Unlimited	443.55
Mike Williams	120.00
YMC Technical Rescue Team	635.56
Payments less than \$100	1,683.35
TOTAL	\$39,836.47

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

American Communications Inc	120.00
Equity Elevator & Trading Co	10,301.67
Farmers Coop Association	209.89
Hancock Concrete Products Inc	1,100.00
Independent Oil Co	235.67
Koch Materials Co Inc	414.82
Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water	10,580.00
Martin Marietta Aggregates	2,760.10
Mathison Company Inc	3,115.31
Midwest Truck & Parts Inc	139.65
MN Co Insurance Trust	456.00
MN State Auditor	373.00
Olson & Johnson Trucks Inc	113.94
Royal Tire, Inc	521.85
Swanston Equipment Corp	631.55
Swift County Highway	4,900.00
Toshiba America Info-Sys Inc	236.13
Westmor Industries LLC	893.98
Payments less than \$100	114.39
TOTAL	\$37,217.95

DITCH FUND

Consumers Coop Oil Co	151.00
Cottonwood Coop Oil	168.60
Elk River Concrete Products	297.14
K & K Tiling Inc	18,259.00
Alvan Sander & Sons	690.00
Payments less than \$100	55.99
TOTAL	\$19,621.73
<b>FINAL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$96,676.15</b>

Anderson moved to approve the above claims, Remiger seconded motion, all voted in favor. As all business for the day was completed, the meeting was on motion, adjourned.

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Chairperson, Yellow Medicine  
County Board of Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Carolyn Sherlin, County Auditor  
and Clerk to the County Board

